

**FINANCIAL DOCUMENT ITEM PROCESSING SYSTEM AND METHOD OF  
OPERATING A FINANCIAL DOCUMENT ITEM PROCESSING SYSTEM TO  
ENCODE/ENDORSE A FINANCIAL DOCUMENT ITEM HAVING A  
RADIO FREQUENCY IDENTIFICATION TAG**

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**Abstract**

A financial document item processing system processes checks transported from an upstream end of a check transport path to a downstream end of the check transport path. Endorsement data is transmitted to an RFID tag of a check transported along the check transport path from the upstream end to the downstream end. Alternatively, encoded data is transmitted to an RFID tag of a check transported along the check transport path from the upstream end to the downstream end. In some financial document item processing applications, both endorsement data and encoded data are transmitted to an RFID tag of a check transported along the check transport path from the upstream end to the downstream end.

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